The Survey on Aging in sub-Saharan Africa: Towards Harmonization of Methods and Instruments

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Research on Aging

on aging:

1st longitudinal study on older individuals age 50+ to integrate comprehensive

Overall characteristics of these studies:

Harmonization of variety of indicators to achieve cross-national comparisons of aging populations and outcomes among older individuals Longitudinal design

Samples: age-eligible respondents and their spouses independent of age Collection of both household and individual level data

Administration of additional (experimental) designs; biomarker data

communities and researchers (exception is SHARE that is partially implemented by local governments)

Evidence-Based Research on Aging in SSA

Need for comprehensive nationally representative data sources on older individuals that <u>integrate</u> demographic, social, economic and health information

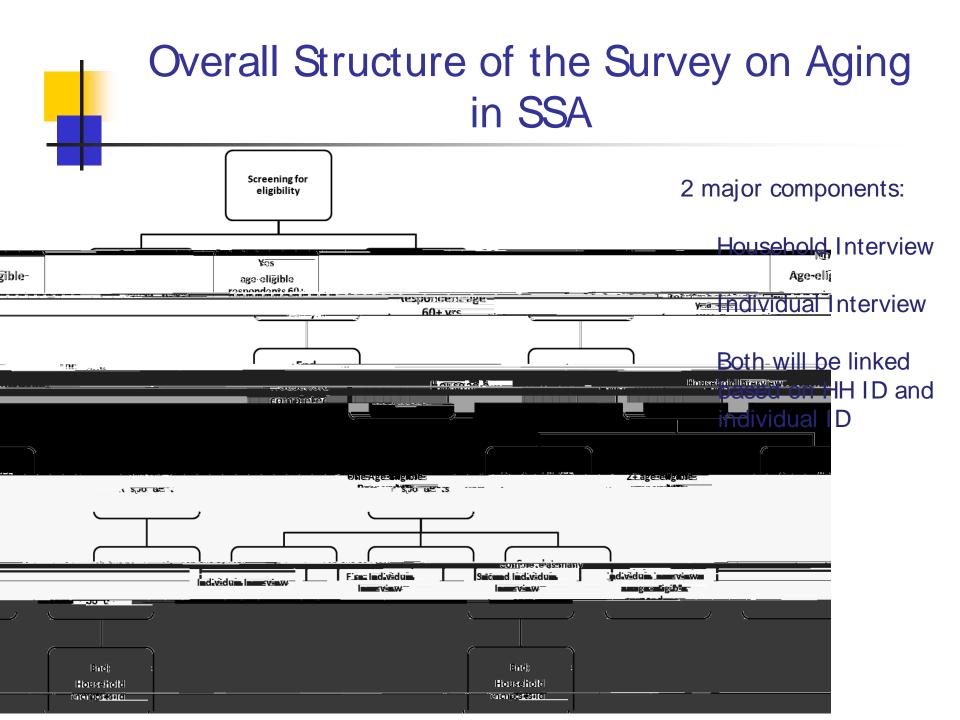
Need for data that can inform policy makers on the situation of older people in SSA

Need for population-based data that go beyond collecting health information, but address the overall situation of older people in SSA

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Overall Goals of the Survey on Aging in SSA

Cover the MIPAA priorities goals and the SDGs goals





Screens for age-eligible individuals in the household (age 60+ years old)

Administered to the household head/other knowledgeable person (not necessarily the age-eligible respondent)

Provides information about the household structure and overall household conditions

The Individual Questionnaire

To be administered to all age-eligible respondents in the household (age 60 + years)

Link between age-eligible spouses

Provides information on individual level

Assisted interviews for respondents who cannot participated fully by themselves

Individual questionnaire sections	MIPAA goals covered
1.Demographics	Aspects of access to knowledge, education, training
2. Children	Intergenerational solidarity
3. Physical health, ADL, NCD, infectious diseases, HI V/ AI DS	Health promotion and well being throughout life, HI V/AI DS and older persons, Older persons and disability; advancing health and well-being into old age
4. Mental Health	Mental health and needs of older people
5. Health care utilization	Universal and equal access to health care services, but also aspects of neglect and abuse
6. Health insurance coverage	Universal and equal access to health care services, but also aspects of social protection, social security and poverty prevention
7. Intergenerational transfers and support within the HH and outside of the HH	Intergenerational solidarity, eradication of poverty, care and support for caregivers, income, social protection

Individual questionnaire sections	MIPAA goals covered
8. Caregiving to children in the household	Intergenerational solidarity, eradication of poverty, care and support for caregivers, income, social protection
9. Employment status; employment in agriculture	Eradication of poverty, income, social protection and security, active participation in society and development; work and aging labor force
10. Retirement benefits and Pensions	Eradication of poverty, income, social protection and security, active participation in society and development; work and aging labor force
11. Access to social programs and benefits	Eradication of poverty, income, social protection and security, active participation in society and development; work and aging labor force
12. Abuse of older people	Neglect, abuse, and violence
13. Social life and loneliness	Active participation in society and development, neglect, abuse and violence; images of aging

The Optional Modules

Migration

Risk factors and preventive health behaviors (smoking and alcohol consumption)

Physical activity

are to be administered or not

Country Specific Aspects

Parts of the questionnaire (i.e., response options to specific

- All financial information
- Education
- Occupation/current employment
- Social programs and benefits
- Possibly also retirement benefits, and questions on social activities

Questionnaires have to be translated into the local languages (how many and which depends on the sampling frame and

Specific Issues/Questions to Discuss

Polygamy: how to deal with polygamous households/spouses

Literacy questions

Transfer rosters (do we want financial transfers within the household)